number of collaborating agencies have been identified and they are working on designing a number of techno-pedagogic inputs such as solar power packs, improved black boards, rollar boards, slates, dustless chalk and electronic gadgets, etc.

(vii) The National Literacy Mission Authority has been constituted. State Governments have been requested to set up State Literacy Mission Authorities. States have also been requested to appoint State and District Mission Leaders.

(viii) To provide necessary resource support, State Resource Centres have been strengthened and District Resource Units are being set up.

(ix) According to the information furnished by the State Governments and various implementing agencies 2,64,375 Adult Education Centres were running on 30th September, 1988 when an enrolment of 79.26 lakh persons.

(c) The statement showing the names of the States which have literacy are above national average is attached. (*See* below) No specific reasons can be assigned for this purpose except that this is usually dependent on various factors, viz., socio-economic, historical, cultural, demographic, etc.

(d) The Seventh Plan outlay for Adult Education was Rs. 130 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 230 crores in the State Sector. The target and enrolment during the first four years of the Seventh Plan is as follows:—

Year	Targets	Enrolment (In lakhs)
1985-86	75546	66553
1686-87	83560	8·59
1987-88	89a23	5569
1988-89	9993a13 (as on 34-6-88)	79·26

Statement

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Literacy Rate according to 1988 Census
1	Kerala	70·42
2	Chandigarh	64 00
3	Delhi	65.54
4	Mizoram	59·88
5	Goa-Daman &-Diu	56·66
6	Pondicherry	55·85
7	Lakshadweep	55·07
8	Andaman Nicobar Islands	5·56
9	Maharashtra	47·1
10	Tamil Nadu	46·76
11	Gujarat	43·70
12	Nagaland	42·57
13	Himachal Pradesh	42·40
14	Tripura	42·12
15	Manipur	4·35
16	West Bengal	45.49
17		40 86
18	Karnataka	38·46

Visit of Minister to London

3201. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Minister of State for Labour and presently the Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, who had gone to Geneva to attend the meeting of International Labour Organisation in July 1988, left for London without any prior information or programme; if so, whether he had informed the Indian High Commission at London about his visit to London;

(b) whether the officials of the Indian High Commission in London were present at the airport to receive him; and

(c) whether he had submitted any report to Minister of External Affairs or to the Prime Minister about his London visit; if so, what was the purpose of the trip?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Shri Tytler was on a private visit to London.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National Seminar on Child Abuse and Neglect

3202. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the revelation at the National Seminar on Child Abuse and Neglect, organised by the Socio-legal Aid Research and Training Centre in Calcutta on the 31st August, 1988 regarding sale of minor girls in the prominent market placed in certain parts of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to put an end to such uncivilised trade in minor girls in the country which ultimately leads them into prostitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Issuance of licenses for pilot by unqualified men, in Indian Airlines

3203. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unqualified men have been appointed and authorised to issue licences to Pilots of Indian Airlines; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the increase in accidents and mishaps is largely due to this factor, apart from use of old dilapidated planes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. It cannot be attributed to either.

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3204. डा० अबरार अहमद खान: क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश से वेश्यावृत्ति को समाप्त करने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में युवा कार्य और खेल तथा महिला और बाल विकास विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मारग्रेट अल्वा): (क) और (ख) अनैतिक विपणन (दमन) अधिनियम, 1956 में 1986 में जोरदार संशोधन किया गया ताकि अधिनियम के क्षेत्र में विस्तार किया जा सके और अधिनियम के दण्डात्मक उपबन्धों को अधिक कठोर और कारगार बनाया जा सके। विशेषकर अधिनियम की धारा 7 और 8 के अन्तर्गत सार्वजनिक धार्मिक पूजा स्थलों, शैक्षणिक संस्थानों, अस्पतालों आदि जैसे सार्वजनिक स्थानों में या इनके इर्द्गिर्द वेश्यावृत्ति के कार्य को दण्डनीय बनाया गया है। अधिनियम का कार्यान्वयन राज्य सरकारों और केन्द्र शासित प्रदेश के प्रशासनों द्वारा किया जाना है।